

Remarks

Favorable review is requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1 – 7 and 9 – 27 are pending in the application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 13, 14, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Berding et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,370,715). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, and respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following comments.

Claim 13 requires that in combination a portion of the first and second rails extend across all of the bend section width. The office action provides the Examiner's definition of bend section width. The Applicants respectfully disagree. The Applicants' use of bend section is similar to Berding's use of hinge region 80. See Applicants Fig. 6 – 8, reference numeral 300. Therefore, rails extending across all of the bend section width cannot stop short of the entire width as it is illustrated in the current office action. Rather, the rails must extend all of the bend section width as illustrated in Fig 6, 7, 9, and 10. As illustrated, Berding et al. fail to teach or suggest that in combination a portion of the first and second rails extend across all of the bend section width. Thus, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.


Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claim 1 – 7, 9 – 12, and 19 – 27 were allowed and that claims 15, 16, and 18 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

In view of the comments presented herein, favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any further questions should arise, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number listed below.

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